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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: NIGERIA

A) USUN 5334 (NOTAL)

B) USUN 5541 (NOTAL)

1. UK MISOFF REPORTED DEC 3 THAT AMB CLARK, NIGERIAN DELEGATE IN FIRST COMITE, WHO IS ALSO NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON CCD, HAD JUST INFORMED HER THAT NIGERIA WOULD ABSTAIN ON FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF HOSTILE RES. WE HAD BEEN EXPECTING NIGERIAN ABSTENTION ON BOTH RES'S AND WE BELIEVE THIS DECISION MAY BE DUE TO US ABSTENTION ON AFRICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE RES WHICH WAS CLARK'S PROPERTY.

2. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPT AUTHORIZE US ON URGENT BASIS TO CHANGE OUR PLENARY VOTE ON AFRICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE TO YES (REFTEL B) SO THAT WE CAN COMMUNICATE CHANGE TO AMB CLARK HERE, PRIOR TO KOREA VOTE NOW EXPECTED DEC 6. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY INFLUENCE HIM TO AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE KOREAN RES.

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3. ALSO SUGGEST, IF DEPT, HAS NO OBJECTIONS, A FURTHER DEMARCHE IN LAGOS TO ENCOURAGE FMG TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

4. FYI: ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RES SHOULD HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY SINCE WE HAVE COMFORTABLE MARGIN ON FRIENDLY RES. END FYI.

5. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY PROVE USEFUL:

(A) WE DID NOT DESIRE DEBATE THIS YEAR AND WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A PROPAGANDISTIC OR ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE IS NOT PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. NEVERTHELESS, IN FACE OF NORTH KOREAN INTRANSIGENCE, FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CLOSELY FOLLOWING WORDING OF LAST YEAR'S CONSENSUS WAS TABLED.

(B) HOSTILE RESOLUTION CANNOT ACCURATELY BE DESCRIBED AS "NON-ALIGNED" RES SINCE SOME "NON-ALIGNED" VOTING AGAINST AND OTHERS ABSTAINING.

(C) AFRICAN COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RES PRESENTLY INCLUDE GABON, CAR, LESOTHO, GAMBIA, AND LIBERIA.

(D) HOSTILE RES IS VAGUE. IT CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG ALTHOUGH ONLY A HANDFUL OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL REMAIN UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF UN COMMAND. US FORCES ARE IN KOREA PURSUANT TO A BILATERAL TREATY BETWEEN USG AND ROK ENTERED INTO IN 1954 AND REGISTERED WITH UN, AND ARE NOT UNDER UNC. HOSTILE RES MAKES NO MENTION OF KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN LEGAL BASIS FOR PEACE IN KOREA FOR 21 YEARS.

(E) RECENT SERIOUS INCIDENT IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE SHOWS DANGER OF PASSING A RESOLUTION WHICH ENCOURAGES DISMANTLING OF UN COMMAND WITHOUT MAKING ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESERVATION OF ARMISTICE MACHINERY. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE A MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO WHICH TO TAKE THESE VIOLATIONS, SUCH INCIDENTS COULD EASILY LEAD TO SERIOUS BLOW-UPS ON PENINSULA.

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